



AN ACT ESTABLISHING REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM AS A PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-1-201, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 53-1-201, MCA, is amended to read:

**"53-1-201. Purpose of department of corrections.** The department of corrections shall use at maximum efficiency the resources of state government in a coordinated effort to:

- (1) develop and maintain comprehensive services and programs in the field of adult and youth corrections; ~~and~~
- (2) provide for the custody, assessment, care, supervision, treatment, education, rehabilitation, and work and skill development of formerly adjudicated delinquent youth who are referred or committed to the department; and
- (3) minimize recidivism among offenders during and after their participation in the department's programs and monitor the rate of recidivism to determine the success of efforts to reduce recidivism."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 639, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639

INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

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